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MEXICO.

Report from Progreso and Merida—Yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports as follows:

Week ended April 30, 1904: Present officially estimated population, 8,000. Number of deaths, 5; 1 death from yellow fever. No prevailing diseases of any importance. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. Merida: Several cases of yellow fever, probably, at this time; during month, 5 or 7 cases, 2 deaths.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 10	Esperanza	New York	95	80	74
11	Galveston ^a	Galveston	22	3
26	Sailing vessel Susie B. Dantzer.	Ship Island	7
30	Horda	Boston	25

^a Fumigated with SO₂—two hours' exposure.

Reports from Tampico—Fumigation of vessels—Smallpox.

Assistant Surgeon McClintic reports, April 25 and May 1, as follows :

During the week ended April 23, 1904, 5 bills of health were issued and 3 vessels fumigated and given certificates to that effect.

One of the vessels was bound for New Orleans, and it is probable that hereafter all vessels clearing for that port, as well as for the port of Mobile, will request fumigation, which will increase very much the work at this station. The mortality report for the same week shows 19 deaths from all causes. One death from smallpox is the only one attributed to a quarantinable disease, and this is said to have been an imported case.

Week ended April 30, 1904, 8 bills of health were issued and 3 vessels fumigated at La Barra, two of which were bound for Pensacola, and one for Norfolk, via New York.

No yellow fever has yet been reported in Tampico, and if a recrudescence should occur it is not looked for until the rainy season sets in, which is usually sometime in June. The mortality report for the week shows a total of 23 deaths from all causes, which includes 1 from smallpox, 5 from tuberculosis, and 2 from cirrhosis of the liver. The ages of those attributed to cirrhosis of the liver are 24 and 32 years, respectively, and may be looked upon with a certain element of suspicion in those so young.